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Man Convicted of Killing Four Family Members in 1999

A man was convicted today of killing his father, stepmother and two half-brothers nearly 20 years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jurors deliberated for about four days before finding Saulo Alvarado (dob 6/19/82) guilty of four counts of first-degree murder and one count each of forcible lewd act on a child and of lewd act on a child. The special circumstance allegations of multiple murders and lying in wait were found to be true.

He is scheduled to be sentenced on May 1 when he faces a possible maximum sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Deputy District Attorney Victor Avila of the Major Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

On April 26, 1999, the bodies of Rudolfo Alvarado, 51, his wife, Eva, 36, and their two sons, Renzo, 16, and Victor, 4, were discovered inside the family's Hyde Park apartment. Each family member had been shot with a revolver.

The murder weapon had been placed in Renzo's hand to make it appear that it was a murder-suicide, the prosecutor said.

Alvarado, who was 16 at the time of the murders, had been deported to Guatemala following a 2003 conviction for rape in an unrelated case. He was extradited back to Los Angeles in 2015.

Case BA439926 was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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